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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Creator	Jenkinson, Isaac, 1825-1911
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Biographical Note

Isaac Jenkinson was born on April 29, 1826 in Piqua, Miami County, Ohio. He married Narcissa Lewis (1832-1918) in 1854. Jenkinson was very active in politics, helping to found the Republican Party in 1856 and, as a member of the electoral college, to elect his friend, Abraham Lincoln, as president in 1860. In 1863, Jenkinson founded the *Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette*. A few years later, he was appointed as a U.S. consul to Glasgow, Scotland, Great Britain by President Ulysses S. Grant on August 31, 1869. Jenkinson served in this position until 1874, before he resigned at the request of Secretary of State Hamilton Fish "for general reasons of public policy." He returned to Indiana, settling in the town of Richmond where he bought the *Richmond Palladium* newspaper in 1875. Jenkinson remained owner and editor until 1896, when he sold the publication.

Jenkinson was a long-time member of the Indiana University Board of Trustees (1866-1870, 1875-1906), serving as the board's president from 1889 to 1906. He was an advocate of coeducation at the university and finally succeeded in admitting a woman to the college in 1867. In line with his educational and political interests, Jenkinson wrote a paper entitled, *Jefferson and Burr*, which he read before the Tuesday Club in Richmond, Indiana on February 8, 1898. Four years later, he published a book, *Aaron Bur, His Personal and Political Relations with Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton*, which gave a positive account of that notorious historical figure.

Jenkinson died after a fall into his cellar on October 25, 1911 in Richmond, Indiana.

Sources:

Items in the collection.

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Ancestry.com. "Isaac Jenkinson." *Wayne County, Indiana, Death Records Index, 1882-1920*. Accessed January 5, 2015. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com>.

FindaGrave.com. "Jenkinson, Isaac." *Find a Grave Index*. Accessed January 5, 2015. <http://www.findagrave.com>.

"Former IU Trustee Dies From Fall in Cellar." *Bloomington Weekly Courier*, October 27, 1911, 1.

"Hon. Isaac Jenkinson, Friend of Lincoln and Morton Who Formerly Edited the Fort Wayne Gazette." *Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette*, October 29, 1911, 16-17. Accessed January 5, 2015. <http://access.newspaperarchive.com>.

Isaac Jenkinson portrait, image no. P0054176. Indiana University Archives Photograph Collection, Indiana University Office of University Archives and Records Management, Bloomington, IN. Accessed January 5, 2015. <http://purl.dlib.indiana.edu/iudl/archives/photos/P0054176>.

Biographical Note

Aaron Burr (1756-1836) was an American lawyer and politician who served as vice president under Thomas Jefferson. He is widely considered notorious for actions of political conspiracy and mortally wounding Alexander Hamilton in their infamous duel in 1804.

Source:

"Aaron Burr Biography." Encyclopedia of World Biography. Accessed January 5, 2015. <http://www.notablebiographies.com/Br-Ca/Burr-Aaron.html>.

Scope and Contents

This collection includes letters to and from Isaac Jenkinson with politicians and acquaintances in Washington, D.C., Indiana, and other parts of the United States ranging from 1869 to 1920 regarding national politics, education, various personal and professional matters, and his writings on Aaron Burr. There are two certificates regarding the appointment of Jenkinson as U.S. consul to Glasgow, Scotland, Great Britain and its acknowledgement by the British government in 1869.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Processing Information

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Related Materials

Related Archival Material

Materials relating to this collection may be found in the following collections in Rare Books and Manuscripts and in the Indiana Division, Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, IN:

OBC127: Isaac Jenkinson consul appointment documents

Jenkinson, Isaac. Aaron Burr, His Personal and Political Relations with Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton. Richmond, IN: M. Cullaton & Co., 1902. Indiana Book. Call number: ISLI 923 B968J.

Jenkinson, Isaac. *Jefferson and Burr: A Paper Read Before the Tuesday Club, Richmond, Indiana, February 8, 1898; to which is added a review of the evidence of the election intrigue of 1801.* 1898. Indiana Pamphlet. Call number: ISLO 815 J52 No. 2.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Indiana University.

Genre(s)

- Correspondence

Geographic Name(s)

- Bloomington (Ind.)
- Great Britain--Description and travel
- Muncie (Ind.)
- Philippines
- Philippines--History--Philippine American War, 1899-1902
- Richmond (Ind.)
- Scotland
- United States--Politics and government--19th century

Personal Name(s)

- Browne, Thomas M. , 1829-1891
- Burr, Aaron, 1756-1836
- Case, Charles, 1817-1883
- Conkling, Roscoe, 1829-1888
- Fish, Hamilton, 1808-1893
- Garfield, James A. (James Abram), 1831-1881
- Gompers, Samuel
- Grant, Ulysses S. (Ulysses Simpson) 1822-1885
- Mooney, James, 1861-1921
- Victoria, Queen of Great Britain, 1819-1901
- Woodburn, James A.

Subject(s)

- Authors--American--Indiana--19th century
- Consuls
- Diplomats
- Editors
- Newspapers
- Politicians--United States--19th century
- Universities and colleges